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Mrs. Effa Manley
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My dear Mrs. Manley:

For the past several months we have been receiving an ever-increasing number of requests from students and debating groups in the various Negro schools for data on the strategy of the trade boycott as applied by communities throughout the country in an effort to secure job opportunities for Negroes. We have been sending such information of a general nature as we had available here and referring these inquirers to individuals in various cities who would be in position to advise concerning the use of the boycott in their respective areas.

We are now attempting to gather material for a monograph on this subject which would supply information to interested persons in easy, readable form. The Reverend John H. Johnson of St. Martin's P.E. Church in New York City suggested that you would be able to give us first-hand information on the trade boycott conducted in Harlem under the auspices of the Citizen's League for Fair Play. We are, therefore, seeking your cooperation in this effort. Would you be good enough to send us information covering:

- 1) History of the local movement, including name of the sponsoring group and the techniques it employed
- 2) Specific instances of success, giving the number and types of jobs secured as well as the kind of firms in which these openings were made - whether in retail grocery stores, meat stores, department stores, theatres, hotels, restaurants and cafeterias, public utilities, etc.

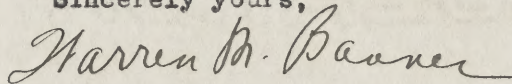
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- 3) Literature distributed - sending sample copies, if such are available
- 4) Names of local newspapers which have carried stories on the boycott's activities - indicating whether there are any particular editions of which we should try to secure copies
- 5) Any additional comments or observations that you may care to offer.

If you cannot supply all of this information yourself, we should be pleased to have you refer us to such persons as you feel would be in position to do so.

We shall be deeply appreciative of any cooperation that you may extend, and shall be glad to send you a copy of the monograph when it is completed.

Sincerely yours,



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